

Kaufman's Farcical Bout With Kubiak Enough to Show He Will Always Be Second Rater

AL KAUFMAN PROVES A PUGILISTIC FIZZLE

Refuses to Hit Kubiak Hard But Shows He Lacks Class.
No Punch Worth Mentioning—Washington Team's Prospects.

By THOMAS S. RICE.

Resolutions were passed against the fight pictures yesterday, and the newspapers brutally failed to mention the names of the resolvers. Oh, anguish!

One of the most refined and delicate exhibitions of the manly art of self-defense ever inflicted on a brutalized public was the rank frame-up perpetrated last night in Baltimore by Al Kaufman and Al Kubiak, in their six rounds in Albaugh's Theater. It was a clear case of picking up easy money at the expense of the people who make it possible for pugilists to make a living, and it is to be hoped both men will be barred from all future ring engagements in that city. Kaufman deliberately refused to fight out, and when he did seem inclined to cut loose hard enough to sprain the leg of a sickly mosquito, he was advised from his corner to take things easily!

As a drawing card for a pink tea it was all to the merry.

Forget Kubiak. He is traveling under an alias when he calls himself a fighter. He is about in the Stockings Conroy or Wolf Bendorf class. He couldn't hit Kaufman if he wanted to, and was afraid to when he tried. He cut loose once or twice with a silly sort of an overhand swing that slapped Kaufman's face severely on the face. Yes, indeed he did. Honest to goodness he did, but he never would have landed at all had they been in the real battle. He is a big mistake in the ring, literally and figuratively.

With our own eyes we saw one of the spectators at the fight pictures enter a saloon three years ago. We always knew that man would come to a bad end.

Kaufman is a second-rater and will never be any better if he lives a thousand years. He has never had a punch and will never get one. He is taller than the Michigan misfit, who outboxed with him last night, and can move his arms about as fast as a snail, but with little force. Of course, fearing no come-back, he had nothing to guard against, and could do as he pleased, with a cynical smile that Kid Sullivan, or any other fighter who makes no pretense of being a clever boxer, can do by the hour with a sparring partner. Had he been against a man of the Jack Johnson type, his opponent would have pumpeled him with punches as heavy as his met him has done, and would have stepped inside and lambasted his head off, as Jack O'Brien did. He lacks the class, on his record and on his showing last night, to tackle Sam Langford in a bout on the level, much less Jack Johnson, unless Langford is sick of a fever.

If they intended to fight their best, it was a good thing for Kaufman that Langford backed out of their recent match in Philadelphia.

One mighty good little man was uncovered for the 200 or more Washington fans who were stung by the Kaufman-Kubiak fizzle, and that was Buck Williams. He is a clean-cut, manly little fellow, fighting at 105 pounds. It is said, who has a wallop like a lightweight. He has taught himself most of what he knows about boxing, and that is a whole lot. He is as fast as greased lightning, and has a straight punch that he can shoot over or under. He was the only man besides Kaufman of the fourteen who entered the ring last night who could hit straight, which gives some idea of the number of foolish dubs there are in the game who box in public for years and never learn the rudiments of featherweight champion some day. The great danger is that in their enthusiasm over his showing so far his backers will match him with men who are too hard and experienced for him. Such men might knock him out a couple of times before he has settled down to the game, and the defeat would inevitably hand him all his subsequent career.

Kid Bean and Mitchell Levi fought six interesting rounds, and Evan showed he is not all in by any means.

Washington's ball team did not have a chance to play yesterday because of rain. The lay-offs recently have been so numerous that every one caused now by the weather will be a source of regret to the fans here. The team has been especially improved by some of its little vacations, and doubleheaders do

Club Standings and Possibilities

AMERICAN LEAGUE.

Yesterday's Results.

Washington-Chicago, rain.
New York, 3; Detroit, 1.
Boston, 5; Cleveland, 5.
St. Louis-Philadelphia, rain.

Games Today.

Washington at Chicago.
Boston at Cleveland.
New York at Detroit.
Philadelphia at St. Louis.

Standing of the Clubs.

	W.	L.	Pct.	Win. Loss.
Philadelphia	36	45	.443	683
Detroit	32	52	.382	599
New York	30	51	.367	570
Boston	30	52	.363	566
Cleveland	24	58	.293	524
Washington	21	61	.259	434
Chicago	21	61	.259	434
St. Louis	14	59	.308	433

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

Yesterday's Results.

Philadelphia, 3; St. Louis, 1.
Boston, 5; Chicago, 3.
New York-Cincinnati, rain.
Brooklyn, 4; Pittsburgh, 1.

Games Today.

Pittsburgh at Brooklyn.
Chicago at Boston.
Cincinnati at New York.
St. Louis at Philadelphia.

Standing of the Clubs.

	W.	L.	Pct.
Chicago	32	46	.407
New York	32	46	.407
Pittsburgh	32	46	.407
Philadelphia	23	69	.334
Cincinnati	22	72	.304
St. Louis	22	72	.304
Brooklyn	18	85	.281
Boston	18	85	.281

not offer the best means of getting a line on the new material. Big Ed Walsh has been allowed to play for the Chicago management, and Walter Johnson will not have to face him in this series, which offers the best chance for a win for the Washington team. The series will get at least one more game, besides the prospects of taking another with Groom.

As Washington and Chicago are tied for sixth place with .430 each, every game in the present series in the Windy City is of a double importance.

Jimmy McAleer's idea of forming a picked American League team to play four games with the Athletics is a lapse of that length between the end of the American and the end of the National League seasons, is not a bad one. Four, five or six days of complete inaction, which the Athletics may have to take, may seriously interfere with their chances, while games in which they would have an interest, but in which they would not have to play hard enough to hurt themselves would keep them on edge. The games should be distinctly understood as exhibitions, intended merely for the tuning up of the Athletics, in order that the public may not be deceived into thinking them strictly legitimate contests, which they would not be with the Athletics avoiding every possibility of injury. The series would be worth seeing even on this basis, so there need be no hesitancy in advertising it at its face value.

Hope none of Walter Johnson's wild shots hit any of the Athletics' stars in the head.

John Henry, although he is exceedingly verdant in the ways of the majors, and has not been hitting enough to worry Lejole or Cobb, keeps right on impressing the wise folk as one of the most promising assets of the Washington club. A returned traveler who saw Henry catching in the West on this trip of the Nationals said this morning that the Western critics were vastly taken with Henry and thought that when he had had as much professional experience as Ed Almsmith he would prove just as valuable as that child wonder.

Rube Marquard may be the \$11,000 lemon which has been touted since he joined the Giants, but he has one sturdy champion in Pat Livingston. The last year that Indianapolis won the pennant, Livingston, Owen Bush, and Rube turned the trick for Carr. Paddy caught 119 games that year and always caught Marquard.

"Never mind what anybody tells you about Rube being a 'lemon,'" said the earnest champion of Marquard. "I tell you that he is just as good a pitcher as there is if he has somebody who can catch him and steady him down. He's inclined to be a little wild, but I could always manage him." "Rube has everything. He's got more speed than most pitchers; in fact, I think that there are only two or three who have more. He's got a bunch of curves, and he's a pitcher. I'll bet right now that if Connie Mack had the fellow like Rube on his staff, he'd make a grand twirler out of him. I know that he can pitch."

LEAGUE RACE TIED.

LANSING, Mich., Sept. 27.—Lansing won three games from Flint Sunday in closing the South Michigan League season, and with eighty-seven games won and fifty-two lost tied Kalamazoo for the league pennant. Kalamazoo and Lansing will play a post-season series for the pennant. Lansing also won both ends of a doubleheader from Flint Saturday, making five games won in two days. Flint was shut out twice yesterday, 2 to 0 and 1 to 0, and the first game went to Lansing, 8 to 4.

Walter Johnson Picks Athletics to Win

CHICAGO, Sept. 27.—The Athletics will win the Cubs in the world's series through the superiority of their pitchers, in the opinion of Walter Johnson, the star pitcher of the Washington team. "I don't see how Chicago can average more than 2½ runs to the game against such pitching as Mack's men will offer," Johnson says. "The heavy hitting Athletics should have no trouble in reaching the plate offener than this. The Cubs have the better defense, but a defense won't score any runs for them."

THOMAS MANNIX DIES IN BROOKLYN

Well-Known American Horseman Succumbs to Kidney Disease.

BROOKLYN, Sept. 27.—Thomas Mannix, widely known American trainer of race horses, died yesterday at the Seely Hospital, Brooklyn, of a kidney complaint. He was brought home from Canada desperately ill a few days ago and sent to the Seely Hospital. Every attention was given to him, but he was beyond help. Septic poisoning had set in and he sank rapidly. Mr. Mannix's body has been transferred from the hospital to his home, on King's Highway, and arrangements for the funeral will be made tomorrow. Mr. Mannix left a family, and he left them in good circumstances. He was a shrewd judge of horseflesh and a capable trainer. For years he had a clientele of occasional visitors at the races, who liked to bet when he thought he was right. Mannix trained German Silver, a horse he took from Jack Bennett after a selling race at Gravesend last fall; Eschau, Madeline L., and Jelly for a couple of seasons, and made out fairly well with them.

NATIONAL BULLETIN.

T. J. Lynch, president of the National League, yesterday announced the following contracts and releases: Contracts—With Boston, Wilbur Goode; with Brooklyn, J. R. J. Coulson; with Cincinnati, Harry Coveleski; Michael Corcoran; with New York, Harry Gowdy. Releases—By Cincinnati to Port Wayne, C. L. Young.

TWO NEW YORK TEAMS WILL MEET THIS FALL

John T. Brush Said to Have At Last Consented to Giants Playing Highlanders—Convinced That Fans Really Want Games.

CHICAGO, Sept. 27.—On the eve of the departure for New York of John T. Brush, owner of the Giants, the news trickled out here that Brush finally has decided to allow the Giants to meet the New York Highlanders in a post-season series of games for the championship of Greater New York. While this decision by Brush really was expected, followers of the rival New York teams will be gratified to learn definitely that the great series is on.

Nothing now remains but for the National Commission to give its sanction to the games, as President Farrell, of the Highlanders, long ago announced that he was willing to play the series.

Brush, who has been in Chicago for the last four months, and who, by the way, is not the hopeless invalid he has been pictured, expects to be in his office in New York tomorrow afternoon or Thursday morning.

Brush Is Convinced.

Last month there was a conference here between Farrell and Brush looking to a series between the rival New York clubs, and at that time John T. promised the owner of the Highlanders that if he found that the fans of Manhattan really wanted a series between the two teams he would cheerfully consent. Brush has kept in close touch with the New York situation and now is firmly convinced that there is a real and not a fictitious demand for a set of battles between the Giants and the Highlanders.

The president of the Giants sanctioned the series with the Boston Red Sox last fall, even though he feared that the financial results would not be what the players thought they would be. When a meeting between the two New York clubs was suggested this summer, some of Brush's friends advised him against playing it, their argument being that should the Polo Grounds team be beaten its reputation and drawing powers would be damaged.

Brush, it is said, never gave argument of this sort any consideration, but deferred accepting Farrell's challenge until he was sure in his own mind that the New York fans were in deadly earnest about desiring a series between Manhattan's rival teams.

An Annual Affair. The games will be played under the auspices of the National Commission, and the series will end when one team has won four contests. The players will share in the receipts of the first four battles, and after that the club owners will get all the gate money, barring the 10 per cent paid to the National Commission for conducting the series.

According to present arrangements, the first game to determine the championship of Greater New York will be played on the Polo Grounds on Saturday, October 15.

LEACH CROSS BEATS SMITH ON POINTS

NEW YORK, Sept. 27.—Leach Cross, the East Side dentist-pugilist, is coming back, according to the views held today by those who witnessed his victory last night over Cy Smith, of Jersey City. But it took cleverness and skill to turn defeat into victory. Cross' showing was excellent, especially in the light of some of his poor fights in recent months.

Smith surprised the dentist by flooring him twice in the first round. In the last rounds, however, Cross won on points by a good margin.

FIGHTER HAS FEVER.

ALLENSTOWN, Pa., Sept. 27.—Young Henry, the Allentown boxer, who cut a wide swath in Tennessee after many victories in Philadelphia, was today reported sick with a fever in the Memphis Hospital. All his southern engagements have been canceled. Chapple Gorman left for Memphis to bring the sick man home as soon as possible.

WHITNEY HORSE WINS.

NEWARK, N. J., Sept. 27.—H. P. Whitney's Top of the Morning won the Trial Selling Plate, worth \$1,500, on the Newmarket turf today.

Chief Bender Thinks Cubs Are Weak

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Sept. 27.—"Chief" Bender, of the Athletics, who saw the Cubs when they played the Philadelphia Nationals last week, is not favorably impressed with the work of Chance's machines. "If they play as they did against the Quakers we will easily beat them in the world's series," says Bender.

CHASE CONFIDENT HE'LL MAKE GOOD

New York Manager Speaks His Little Piece After His Appointment.

DETROIT, Sept. 27.—In reply to a question as to what he thought about the deposition of ex-Manager George Stallings, and his own appointment as manager for the remainder of the season, Hal Chase, acting manager of the Highlanders, said: "My differences with Mr. Stallings are of long standing, but I regret they ever got into the papers and before the public. 'Such things do the club no good, and my every wish is for the success of the team, of course. I cannot help feeling gratified over the fact that Mr. Stallings resigned,' which is more or less of a vindication for me. I am glad that Mr. Farrell has seen fit to place me in temporary charge of the team, and trust my management may be such that he will give me the job permanently."

Says Men Are Friendly. "I feel that the developments of today will show the fans in New York that I was in the right, for Mr. Farrell went into this controversy thoroughly, and whatever action he took was the result of that inquiry."

"I shall continue, as I have always done in the past, to give the club my best services. I am of long terms, but I want to do my part, and I feel sure my fellow-players will do the same."

Chase refused absolutely to go into details over the controversy with Stallings, and said he thought it best that the matter be considered a closed incident.

Irwin May Get Job. By making Chase manager for the rest of the season Owner Frank Farrell, of the New York Americans, is experimenting. If Chase "catches on" with the New York crowd he will probably stick as manager. If not, according to present plans, Scotty Irwin will take charge of the club next season.

Irwin is a man who has had a varied career in his league as scout, manager and player, and is a good judge of players. Most of the youngsters on the present roster of the club who are making good were picked up by Irwin. He is popular with the players and fans, and if chosen would probably have an even chance to make good.

SPORTING WRITERS DON'T FAVOR CHASE

New York Newspaper Men Claim Move Is Not a Popular One.

NEW YORK, Sept. 27.—New York sporting writers do not take kindly to the action of Owner Frank Farrell in dismissing Manager George Stallings and appointing Hal Chase in his place. That the move will not be a popular one is echoed on all sides today.

Sporting men declare that while Stallings probably made his charges of "laying down" against Chase in good faith, it is impossible to prove them. They declare that Chase's frequent absences from the team, together with his "jump" when Eiberfeld was acting as manager of the Yankees, shows that there was something in Stallings' charges.

It is further pointed out that Stallings took charge of a team that was hopelessly in the rack, and in one year produced a bunch of pennant possibilities. The Yankees, under Stallings' guidance, have always been in the running, and even now promise to finish in second place in the American League race. This wonderful improvement, they point out, was wrought by Stallings.

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JACK COOMBS TELLS HOW HE PITCHES

CHICAGO, Sept. 27.—"If you don't believe this pitching game is a funny proposition," said Eddie Plank, "you just ask Jack Coombs about it." So Jack Coombs was asked. "Do you know," said Jack, "that in the game against Washington I worked as hard as I ever did before?" "The reason was plain. I did not have a whole lot when I started, and just when I got things working right the umpire got me in bad several times by missing a strike or two on me." "That's when you have to work. Then you have to use your noodle too much, try to get the stuff on the ball, and if the umpire puts you in wrong in the bargain you have to work some. That's the reason that I found it so hard to lick Washington."

Coombs was asked how he figured he had such a wonderful year this season and to what he attributed it. "I don't get up there now and throw everything that I have. I know something of the batter and the kind of balls that they like, and I try to stick them where the bats ain't. In other words, pitching is not only having a lot of stuff, but knowing how to outguess the batter. I guess I'm more successful at that than any other pitcher before, and that helps me a whole lot."

COACH LUBY INJURED.

YORK, Pa., Sept. 27.—Dr. Dan Luby, coach of the Friends' Central School football squad, sustained injuries yesterday in a fall from a horse at the home of Jere S. Black, where he is visiting. His injuries are not considered serious.